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by any considerations and thus avoid the criticism which one hon. Member had made that a great deal of patronage was being shown by the Government in the matter of recruitment to these posts? "

The Hon. Sri K. CHANDRAMOULI :—" I can assure the hon. Member that so far no patronage has been shown to anybody in this matter."

Private schools known as Gurukulas.

* 10 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO (on behalf of Sri D. Manjaya Hegde) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are private schools in this Province, such as Gurukulas, without being recognized and subsidized by the Government;

(*b*) whether the students of such schools are eligible for the S.S.L.C. and other examinations of that standard; and

(*c*) what are the conditions governing the admission of such students to such examinations?

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—

" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Students appearing for the S.S.L.C. and European School-Leaving Certificate Examinations should appear for the first time only through a recognized school. Admission to Matriculation Examinations is governed by the rules framed by the University and the Syndicate has got power to exempt candidates from producing attendance certificates under certain conditions."

Lower Subordinate Service of the Agricultural Department.

* 11 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recruitment to the lower subordinate service of the Agricultural Department has been abolished;

(*b*) the number of those in that service at present;

(*c*) whether any distinction is observed with regard to the status and the emoluments between the lower subordinate service and the upper subordinate service;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Government ordered some years ago that the lower subordinate service should be gradually absorbed into the upper subordinate service cadre and, if so, how many have so far been absorbed and how many still remain unabsorbed and what the principles governing such absorption are;

(*e*) whether the duties performed by the officers of the lower subordinate and the upper subordinate services are the same and are equally onerous;

(*f*) whether there is any ban imposed in regard to the promotion of men in the lower subordinate service to the gazetted ranks; and